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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6529**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1168

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 25, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** High School Athletics.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Grubb

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the case review panel that hears cases relating to disputes over the application or interpretation of rules governing interscholastic high school athletics may take action by the affirmative vote of a majority of the panel members present at a meeting if a quorum of the panel is present. (Under current law, an action of the panel requires the vote of five of the nine members of the panel.)

The bill provides that a parent may take legal action regarding a dispute over the application or interpretation of the rules only after the panel has issued a decision on the case. It requires the panel to issue a written decision on a case not later than 14 days after the panel hears the case. The bill provides that a parent who disagrees with the panel's decision may file a legal action to review the panel's decision not later than 45 days after the panel issues its decision.

The bill makes other changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** There should be no fiscal impact on the state. The Indiana High School Athletic Association is required to pay all costs attributable to the operation of the panel, including travel and per diem for panel members.

**Background:** The case review panel has nine members that meet monthly depending on the number of cases before the panel.

The State Superintendent or the state superintendent's designee is a member of the panel and is the chairperson of the panel. The remaining eight members are appointed by the state superintendent and must have following qualifications:

1. Four must be parents of high school students.
2. Two must be high school principals.
3. Two must be high school athletic directors.

The expenditures for the panel have varied between \$1,400 and \$2,600 over the last three years. As of December 18, 2009, the panel has spent \$1,635.92 for FY 2010.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** If the change in procedures affects the number of lawsuits filed in response to the panel's decisions, the court fee revenue may be minimally impacted. The following lists the various court filing fees.

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Civil Filing Fee	\$100.00
Document Storage Fee	\$2.00
Automated Record Keeping Fee	\$7.00
Public Defense Administration Fee	\$3.00
Judicial Insurance Adjustment Fee	\$1.00
Judicial Salaries Fee	\$18.00
Court Administration Fee	\$5.00
Total Civil Fees	\$136.00

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools.

**Information Sources:**

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